

VISION

The International Office is guided by the International Vision Statement of the UUA Board of Trustees:

The work of the UUA is to serve member congregations and support UU institutions bearing witness to our liberal religious faith and bringing our principles to life. Mindful of both the brokenness and the potential for reconciliation in the world, the Board of the UUA commits to strengthen and energize UUA congregations by facilitating their connection to the transforming power of international engagement and partnership. In support of this commitment, we urge the UUA administration and member congregations to foster institutional partnerships that:

- Model friendship and right relations, economic fairness and responsible stewardship of resources among partners;
- Promote human rights, religious freedom, international peace and justice; and
- Increase the visibility of Unitarian Universalism, Unitarianism and Universalism as an active positive religious presence in the world.



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Supporting

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in Global Ministry



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*"Assisting Congregations in
Creating and Sustaining
Effective Ministries of
International Engagement."*

SUPPORTING CONGREGATIONS

The Office of International Resources (IRO) seeks to support congregations as they respond to the call of the Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA) Sixth Principle: *"to affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all."*

The IRO:

- I. Provides resources to congregations for international engagement;
- II. Coordinates with the multitude of U/U organizations involved in international ministry;
- III. Maintains and develops linkages with historic and new Unitarian/Universalist judicatories around the world based upon principles of right relationship.

Seeking to support congregations by way of resources and affiliations, the IRO is available to all UUA congregations that are either internationally-engaged or seeking to develop internationally-focused ministries.

RESOURCES

I. The Office of International Resources has a multitude of resources available for congregations and individuals including:

- **The "Faith Without Borders" program** which invites and supports congregational integration of a faithful and holistic vision of international engagement into their ministry;
- **A Congregational "International Engagement Workshop"** which is designed for congregations to develop or redesign their international engagement;
- **Inspired Faith-Effective Action—International Edition Workshop:** which focuses on studying and developing best practices for international advocacy;
- **I-News** A bi-monthly e-newsletter for individuals and congregations;
- **A Website: uua.org/international** Which provides worship materials, organizational contact information, best practices and other resources;
- **Congregational Profiles** which provides descriptions of internationally-engaged UUA congregations;
- **International Engagement Database** which catalogs the many varieties of congregational international engagement.

Please contact the IRO for information about these and other resources

AFFILIATIONS & COLLABORATION

II. The IRO supports U/U organizations that have an international focus, and promotes effective collaboration between these organizations and congregations, for example:

- Distributing worship materials and news from the International Council of Unitarian Universalists (ICUU).
 - Collaborating with the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO), and supporting their yearly Spring Seminar.
 - Promoting international church-to-church partnerships through the UU Partner Church Council (UUPCC).
- III. The IRO supports effective institutional relationships with historic and newly developing U/U and interfaith judicatories around the world through,
- A newly established "Ambassador" program with three historic judicatories: Transylvania, North East India and the Philippines.
 - Collaboration with the ICUU in the development of relationships with "emerging" U/U churches around the world
 - Developing an international sabbatical program for UU ministers.
 - Maintaining and Developing relationships with interfaith colleagues in Japan and around the world.

For complete information about International affiliations and our Collaboration efforts, please contact the IRO.